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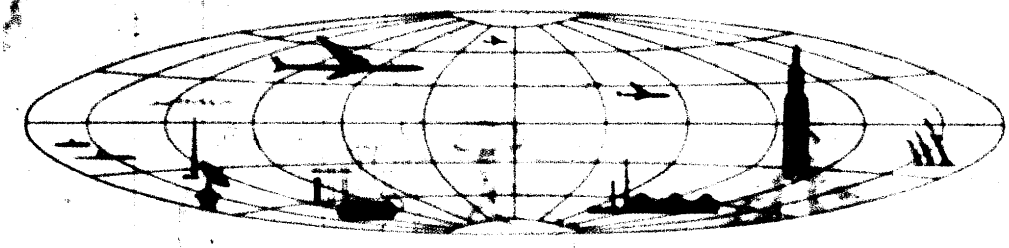

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PREFACE

This report is one in a series on Soviet Ground Force and Logistic installations being prepared for a DIA/CIA Panel. The series is being coordinated, published and disseminated by NPIC. The photographic analysis is being performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group, the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division (NPIC), and the Production Center 1P1c (DIA). The photographic analysis for this particular report was performed by the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division.

In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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MIRNAYA (RADOST) ARMY BARRACKS

(50-46N 116-03E)

MIRNAYA (RADOST), CHITA OBLAST, USSR

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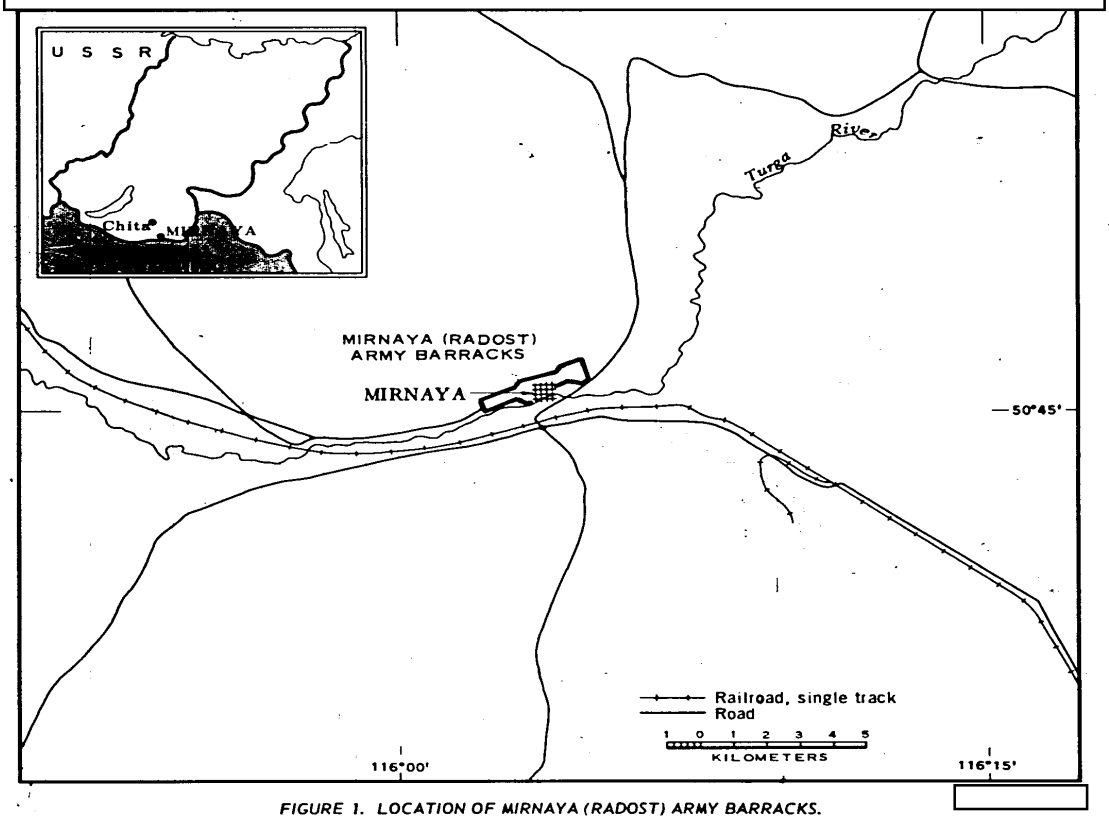

FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MIRNAYA (RADOST) ARMY BARRACKS.

SUMMARY

Mirnaya (Radost) Army Barracks is located 49 kilometers (km) northwest of Borzya, 225 km SE of Chita and 7 km west of the Bezrechnaya military installation. The complex has a probable hard-surface road access to the Chita-Otpor line of the Trans-Siberian railroad. A probable hard-surface, all-weather road connects the installation to points north and south. The Khada Bulak Station North Airfield (50-45N 116-11E) is located 8 km east of the installation.

The installation covers approximately 1,750 acres and contains 213 buildings including four administrative, 66 barracks, eight administrative/barracks, 16 storage, 95 general support, 17 vehicle maintenance and storage, and seven probable ammunition storage buildings. There are approximately 61 probable officer or dependent quarters associated with the complex.

A probable mechanized unit training area is located along the northern edge of the installation. It contains tank/assault gun ranges, small-arms ranges, and driver-training activity. Comparative analysis indicates that the training facilities are used extensively during the summer months; little identifiable activity is observed during the winter. [redacted] indicates that the main billeting area is occupied, probably below capacity, and that there is no apparent training activity. There has been no apparent change in the physical facilities since the initial coverage of the installation [redacted] 25X1 25X1

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The camp is connected by a probable all-weather road to a single track siding. An undetermined number of trackside and rail-end loading docks were observed.

Road Service

A probable hard-surface, all-weather road connects the installation with points north and south along the rail line. Secondary roads and improved trails connect it with the surrounding area.

Aircraft Landing Strip

The nearest landing strip is the Khada Bulak Station North Airfield, approximately 8 km east.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains 16 barracks, five administrative/barracks, two administrative buildings, 19 support buildings and a probable water tower. A large open storage area (a possible vehicle park) is located in the northwest corner of the area. [redacted] reveals only moderate track activity within the area, indicating that not all the facilities are completely occupied. 25X1

Area D2 contains two administrative buildings, 41 barracks, 30 support buildings, and three administrative buildings/barracks. A probable drill area is located in the NE corner of the area and a large open storage area (possible vehicle park) in the SW corner. [redacted] 25X1 reveals extensive track activity within the area, indicating nearly complete occupancy of all facilities.

Area D3, a probable officer/dependent housing area, contains 58 small individual dwellings.

General Storage Area

The proximity of Area E to the main road and the rail line indicates it is a probable general storage area for the camp. The area contains a walled enclosure and 34 buildings. 25X1 [redacted] reveals moderate track activity within the area. Large open storage areas are observed.

Ammunition Storage Area

Area F contains seven buildings. The location of this secured area indicates it is a probable ammunition storage area. 25X1 [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] shows no track activity, indicating lack of winter usage. 25X1 [redacted] reveal moderate track activity.

POL Storage Area

No POL storage area is observed, indicating the possibility of underground storage.

Other Buildings

Area H1, a probable equipment maintenance and shop area, contains 16 support buildings.

Area H2 contains 10 support buildings with roads leading to the barracks (D2), indicating possible support of that area. Track activity leading from this area has remained about the same 25X1 [redacted]

Area H3, partially walled with direct rail access, contains six support buildings.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area	Number of Buildings	Dimensions (in feet)
J1	7	65 by 145
25X1	4	60 by 145
	3	45 by 145
	2	60 by 230
	1	45 by 115
	1	65 by 215
	1	40 by 155
	1	40 by 50
	2	35 by 55
	14	undetermined, support

This area is adjacent to the training range. Moderate track activity was observed 25X1 [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] Area was cloud covered 25X1 [redacted]

Area	Number of Buildings	Dimensions (in feet)
J2	2	45 by 120
	1	65 by 115
	1	50 by 55 (probable support)
	4	undetermined, support

Three rows of probable vehicles were observed 25X1 [redacted]

Athletic Field

Area K contains a probable exercise and parade field.

Small-Arms Firing Ranges

Range Key	Approximate Length and Width (in feet)
L1	350 by 100
L2	400 by 100
L3	350 by 100
L4	350 by 125
L5	400 by 100
L6	350 by 100
L7	350 by 100

The ranges are revetted and are probably known-distance small-arms ranges. Range L7 revealed track activity [redacted] All other ranges indicate little or no winter usage. 25X1

Driver-Training Areas

Area M is a track and wheeled driver-training area northwest of the barracks area. Extensive track activity was observed 25X1 [redacted] and moderate track activity in the winter.

Tank/Assault Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1, approximately 1,250 feet long, contains at least eight approximately 600-foot lanes and two targets. One target run was observed 25X1 [redacted]

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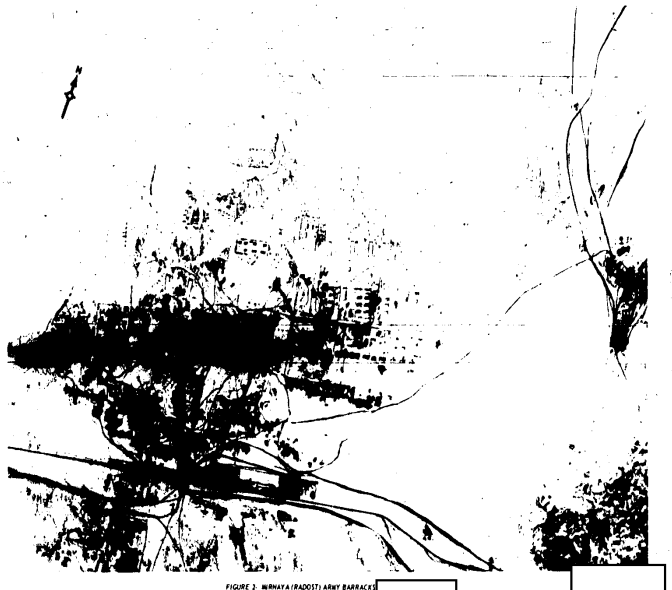

FIGURE 2: MIRNAYA (RADOST) ARMY BARRACKS [redacted]

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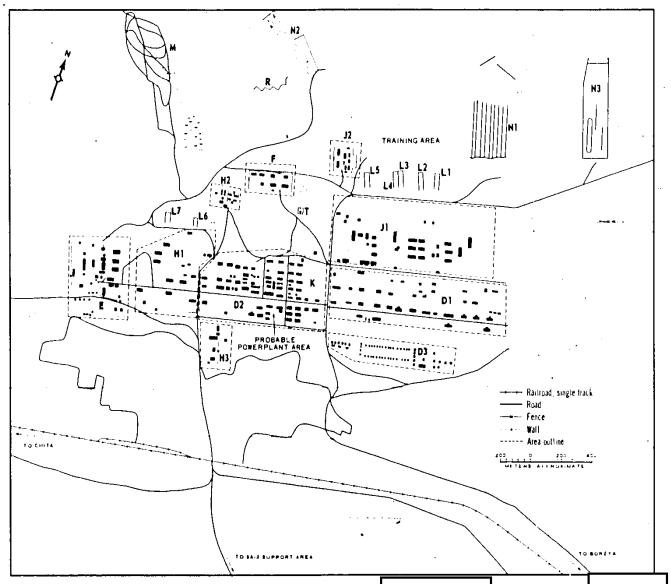

FIGURE 3. MIRNAYA (RADOST) ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled [redacted]

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25X1 The range showed extensive track activity in [redacted] with one-half apparently in use

25X1 [redacted]

Area N2, approximately 1,400 feet long, contains at least three approximately 750-foot long lanes and two targets. Moderate track

25X1 activity was observed [redacted]

25X1 [redacted]

Area N3, approximately 1,500 by 350 feet, contains an undetermined number of lanes of undetermined length and a fixed target. A probable fixed-target, known-distance tank range is located on flat terrain. Moderate track

25X1 activity was observed [redacted]

Artillery Emplacements

A four-gun AAA position is located on the hilltop near the unidentified facility (T). [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] indicates the position is unoccupied. 25X1

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field-Training Area or Courses

A trench (R) along the slope of the hill indicates a probable personnel training area.

Unidentified Facilities or Tracking Activity

Area T, on a hilltop, indicates a possible communications site. Track activity was heavy summer and winter.

REFERENCES

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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REQUIREMENT

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